

## MIAMI'S CENTENNIAL

Hundredth Birthday Celebration  
Plans of an Ohio University.

### NO LACK OF NOTABLE VISITORS

President Taft Expected to Take Prominent Part in the Exercises. Largest Gathering of Miami Men in the University's History Looked For. Elaborate Program Arranged.

Miami university, one of Ohio's three state supported colleges, but the first in age, tradition and in the distinction of her graduates, will be a hundred years old in June. Already plans are matured for a centennial celebration at Oxford that will attract nation wide attention. It is practically certain that the president of the United States will be among the guests, and if Mr. Taft is present he will undoubtedly speak.

The first invitation issued for the event was taken to the president by a representative of the college. Mr. Taft expressed a strong desire to come and informed the committee that he would do so if congress adjourned before June 16, the day of the chief exercises.

But whether the president of the United States is present or absent there will be no lack of notable visitors. The centennial committee has hopes to receive a definite acceptance from White-law Reid, class of 1856, now ambassador to the court of St. James. Mr. Reid delivered the principal address on the occasion of the celebration of the college's diamond jubilee, and he has informed the committee that he will take part in the centennial if possible.

The centennial address, the chief speech of the celebration, will be delivered on the morning of Wednesday, June 16, by Dr. Henry Mitchell MacCracken, chancellor of the University of the City of New York, a member of the class of 1857. Another well known New Yorker who is expected to take part in the exercises is Dr. John Shaw Billings, director of the New York public libraries, who was also a member of the class of 1857.

The program of speeches will be extensive. George R. Wendlin of Washington, of the class of 1865, will deliver the address to the literary societies. The presidents of many colleges will be heard. Albert Hill of the University of Missouri will speak for the colleges of the west, President E. W. Scott of the University of New York for the east, President F. W. Hinnett of Central university for the south. Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of the university, will preside at all the events, and all of the living presidents of Miami are expected to be present. Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio will be among the speakers.

The most interesting figure at the celebration, if he is able to carry out his present purpose to attend, will be the Rev. Dr. Charles McCaughan of Winterset, Ia., the oldest living Miami graduate. Dr. McCaughan is a United Presbyterian minister. He is ninety-five years old and is a graduate of the class of '37. He attended the Miami commencement last June, stopping on his way home from the United Presbyterian general assembly at Pittsburgh. He preached regularly until his ninety-third year. His health has been vigorous all through his life, but during the past winter he has fallen somewhat, and some anxiety is felt lest he may be unable to attend.

The centennial will be held this year as a feature of commencement week and, according to the outlined plans, will include several days in its various features. Dr. Albery H. Upham of the university is the chairman of the committee, and B. S. Bartlow of Hamilton is its secretary. The program will include these features:

Saturday, June 12.—Students' night. Historical pageants, torchlight parade, singing of the campus.

Sunday, June 13.—Baccalaureate sermon at half past 10 a. m., annual sermon before Christian associations at half past 7 p. m.

Monday, June 14.—Annual oratorical contests, reunion of alumni of Normal college, annual senior dramatics.

Tuesday, June 15.—Commencement of Teachers' college class day program, campus concert, class day play.

Wednesday, June 16.—Centennial ceremonies, academic procession, centennial address, congratulatory addresses by representatives of state and national governments and of colleges, addresses by former presidents of the university, responses, centennial ode. Alumni dinner at 1 p. m. Roll call of classes. Business session. Responses by representatives of each administration of the university. Class reunions at 5 p. m. Reunions of the literary clubs. Reunions of the Greek fraternities.

Thursday, June 17.—Annual commencement exercises.

According to the expectation of the members of the centennial committee, there will be the largest gathering of Miami men in the history of the school. It is believed that at least 2,500 graduates and former students will assemble at Oxford from all parts of the United States and the world. Preparations have been made to house the visitors in the college dormitories and in a village of tents to be erected on the campus. If the weather is fine the visitors will have a touch of camp life amid

academic surroundings.

Miami university is only six years younger than the state of Ohio, and, in fact, her beginning dates back beyond that of the state. When congress in 1792 granted an enormous tract of the wilderness lying between the two Miami rivers and extending as far north as Dayton to John Cleves Symmes, it was provided in the grant that a tract was to be set aside for the purposes of education. This was the real beginning of the university.

The university is now larger than ever before in its history and growing rapidly.

### TARIFF ON BALLOON LINE.

Round Trip in One Car \$65, in Another \$115, Says Aero Club Schedule.

A price list of ascensions for the 1909 season was recently issued by the directors of the Aero Club of New England, says a Boston dispatch. To go up in the balloon Boston, the smaller of the two balloons owned by the club, will cost \$65 for one passenger with a pilot. For one passenger to make an ascension with the pilot in the balloon Massachusetts will cost \$115. The club notice says that these fees include all expenses, except those to the place of ascension and home from whatever place the balloon may land. The club furnishes the pilot without extra charge.

The committee in charge of ascensions is composed of Charles J. Glidden and H. Helm Clayton, and they now have a waiting list numbering forty-two members of the club and friends who desire to go ballooning.

### HIS TWENTY-FIRST ESCAPE.

How Lieutenant Halleck Got Out of a Federal Insane Asylum.

First Lieutenant Winfield Halleck, Philippine scouts, retired, who has for two years been confined in the federal asylum for the insane at Anacostia, D. C., made his twenty-first escape a few nights ago. He was captured at Baltimore the other evening and returned to the asylum. He said he made his latest escape by making a key out of the wires of a baseball player's mask which he had worn in a game he played with the asylum team. He unlocked his door with the wire key and on his way out says he passed three attendants and one doctor unrecognized. He intended going to Atlantic City to see his mother.

About a year ago Halleck escaped and went to Baltimore. He then announced in the newspapers that he would keep on escaping until the asylum officials grew tired of hunting him.

### TRIBUTE TO SIOUX INDIANS.

Small Band's Brave Deed to Be Commemorated by a Monument.

After the lapse of well nigh half a century the band of young Sioux Indians known as the "fool soldier" band, which in November, 1862, at great personal risk to themselves, rescued at a spot near the Missouri river in what is now Walworth county, S. D., two women and four children, whites, who had been abducted by a roving band of Sioux from their homes at Lake Chetek, Minn., are to be remembered and their heroic behavior commemorated by a suitable monument.

Under the auspices of the South Dakota Historical society and the South Dakota Pioneer association a granite shaft will be erected on June 27 a mile from Mobridge, S. D., where the rescue was effected. The "fool soldier" band consisted of eleven young Indian braves, and their act was one of the exceptional deeds of the aborigines in which the whites were befriended at the risk of incurring ostracization and the enmity of not only their own tribe, but the entire Sioux Nation, at the time powerful and warlike.

After conceiving the idea of saving the white captives the young braves watched with unceasing vigilance until the opportune time came, when they secured possession of the captives and rushed them to a white settlement whence they were returned to their homes.

Walworth county was at that time totally unsettled by whites, but after the whites settled the country the members of the band were always welcome guests at any white man's house, and after the Walworth County Old Settlers' association was formed the survivors of the band were features of every reunion of the association.

The monument erected to their memory will be a plain granite shaft, standing upon two mammoth native boulders and suitably inscribed with the account of the deed which won the Indians' immortality. Doane Robinson of Pierre, S. D., state historian, will deliver the address at the dedication of the monument.

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### PAYNE'S TARIFF JOKE.

He Hadn't Been Consulted About the Baseball Schedule.

Representative Sereno E. Payne, father of the new tariff bill, bethought himself of a joke the other day. It was on several newspaper men who, from force of habit rather than from any startling successes, appeal to him each day for information regarding developments in the tariff situation. Now that the bill is in the senate Mr. Payne contents himself with reading the news instead of making it. Recently, however, he seemed indignant when the correspondents approached.

"There is a certain schedule upon which I have not been consulted," he announced, "and I don't mind confessing that I am angry about it."

"What is it?" asked a mighty chorus. "The American league baseball schedule," answered Mr. Payne, and when he had recovered from his laugh he explained that the Washington team had gone away on a long trip just at the time when he was idle and could find time to go to the games. The newspaper men went sadly away, for instead of the expected "good story" they had only this dubious quib.

### Giant Navel Orange.

Although large oranges have been shown in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce the past few years, the largest Washington navel orange ever received by the chamber was exhibited a few days ago. L. C. Weathers of Riverside was the producer of the big orange, which weighed slightly more than three pounds and measured sixteen inches in circumference. A peculiar circumstance is attached to the growing of the orange. The other oranges on the tree were all small, and the giant was the only piece of fruit large enough to eat. The tree was a young one and was bearing only its second crop of oranges.

### Pen Picture of Turkey's New Sultan.

The new sultan of Turkey as he appeared at the selemlik is thus described by a correspondent: "Nobody knows what he thinks. He said nothing. Many believe he feigned ignorance and indifference in order to save his own life, and to look at him today it appears as if the simulation will continue. One can only read in his protruding eyes good natured ingenuousness and almost infantile curiosity, which contrast strongly with his aged appearance. He certainly is good, but weak. I was unable to see in him a sovereign of the new epoch, a reorganizer of Turkey, a sultan of progress."

### Too Great a Loss.

Whoever knows anything about the small boy and his pride in his first pair of trousers will recognize the truth of a story the Philadelphia Ledger prints.

Tommy was at Sunday school in his first "real" clothes. A picture of a lot of little angels was before the class, and the teacher asked Tommy if he would not like to be one.

"No, ma'am," replied Tommy after inspecting the picture.

"Not want to be an angel, Tommy!" reproached the teacher. "Why not?"

"Cause I'd have to give up my new pants," said Tommy sagely.

### Simple Remedy.

A lady journalist who conducted a page devoted to feminine interests was ill, and a male member of the editorial staff did duty as her deputy. He soon distinguished himself.

A correspondent inquired how grease might best be removed from his nose. He read it hurriedly, noticing only that it was an inquiry for the removal of grease. This was his answer: "Soak a soft cloth in gasoline and rub gently till the grease is eradicated!"

### Bringing the Time of Day.

A certain squire had just set up with great pains and elaborate mathematical calculations a sundial in his garden and was naturally a little proud of it. One day, as it so happened, being close to the garden, he was in doubt as to the right time and told a boy who was with him to run down and get him the time from the dial. After a few minutes the boy appeared, dragging with him something heavy.

"Here she is, yer honor, an' hard set Ah was to get her up." He had torn up the dial from its setting and dragged it up the hill.—London Spectator.

### Bad Attack of Dysentery Cured

"An honored citizen of this town was suffering from a severe attack of dysentery. He told a friend if he could obtain a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, he felt confident of being cured, he having used this remedy in the west. He was told that I kept it in stock and lost no time in obtaining it, and was promptly cured," says M. J. Leach, druggist, of Wolcott, Vt. For sale by Titusville Pharmacy.

### THE WAYS OF JAPAN.

You Are Never Sure of Privacy, Even While Taking a Bath.

As one steps before the wide open doors of the reception room or into the court or the kitchen, as the case may be, the host approaches and greets with a low bow, followed by the hostess and usually one or more of the maids, who, kneeling, bend to the floor. The salutations are returned, a word is exchanged perhaps about the rooms or the meal that is to be prepared, and the guest seats himself on the low porch or platform that surrounds the entrances and removes his shoes or sandals, leaving them on the ground. If one wears the Japanese cloth shoe and straw sandal, as I did some of the time, the feet are always washed in a wooden basin of water brought by a maid, who comes clattering around the outside of the house on wooden clogs to bring it and sets it down before one on the ground. A little towel is brought, too, unless one, as usual, has this most useful of articles about his person.

Then the guest steps in, in stocking feet or barefoot, and, preceded by a servant, passes through the open rooms, often between a double line of all the people of the house, who are bowing to the floor. He enters the room allotted to him and there seats himself cross legged on a cushion on the matted floor before a tiny charcoal fire in a brazier and rests—at least pretends to rest if he is a foreigner—until disregard for ceremony gets the better of him and he adopts an easier position. Presently comes a demure or smiling little maid, with rosy cheeks and fancifully colored silk kimono, who kneels outside and slides open the paper door, enters, kneels and closes it, brings tea things to the center of the room and, kneeling, pours out a wee cup of tea to the guest or each of the guests. This done, she bends her forehead to the floor and patters out, opening and closing the door, as before. If the guest is an honored one some daintiness, such as bean jelly or cakes or raw dough rolled in pink and green powder, is brought with the tea. Then the guest steps out to the porch to wash, and as he dries his face he looks at the little cultured garden or off to the distant valley or forest or mountain or sea.

Returning to his room, he is most of the time alone until the coming of the meal or, if it chances to be afternoon or evening, until the announcement comes that "the bath is ready." One is never entirely alone. Access to the room is always free on several sides, and host, visitor or servant may come in at any time. One becomes used to this and learns to like it in most ways. There is nothing hidden. It makes life simple and informal and more natural. We found it a disadvantage sometimes when we had too many visitors whose curiosity got the better of them, but we always took it in good part, finding it amusing rather than annoying.—Robert Van Vleck Anderson in Popular Science Monthly.

### He Would Get Over.

"If he's as good as he looks," said Lord Archie, "he'll do."

"Thry him, yer honor, thry him," said Delaney confidently. "I've a grand field and plenty o' jumps."

The colt was saddled, and Lord Archie mounted. He first galloped around the field, about twenty acres in extent, and then took him over a couple of hurdles, a wide turf fence and finally a stone wall quite five feet high. King Brian jumped like a stag, he could go a good pace, and his mouth was perfection.

"How about water?" asked his lordship.

"Wather, is it?" said Delaney, with supreme disdain. "Sure, if ye put him at the river Shannon he wouldn't balk."

"Do you think he'd clear it?"

"Well, no, yer honor," replied Delaney thoughtfully. "I wouldn't go as far as that. But, bedad," he added, with an air of conviction, "what he didn't jump he'd swim!"

—London Answers.

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### A STUDENT JOKE.

Conspiracy of Silence That Put the Professor in a Panic.

Professor Elias Loomis for many years occupied the chair of astronomy at Yale and was the author of the well known series of mathematical text books.

Professor Loomis repeated each year to the junior class a course of lectures on physics. The lectures were illustrated by experiments, and in one on compressed air he explained the principle of the well known air gun.

The students of each succeeding class as they entered the room for this particular lecture found on the side of the room remote from the platform a small target. After explaining the operation of the gun Professor Loomis was in the habit of landing three of its projectiles with mathematical accuracy in the center of the bullseye.

The professor was always applauded for this feat, but his grim face, covered by a tightly drawn skin of parchment hue, never showed the slightest sign of gratification or recognition of any kind. To him it was apparently only a scientific experiment to be exactly demonstrated.

One class of juniors, however, who had learned of the immemorial incident from the then seniors, attempted a little experiment of their own, the subject being mathematical and scientific human nature.

Three puffs from the air gun, and, although the students saw that the bullseye was perforated as usual, there was not a sound of applause. Professor Loomis looked a moment at the class in a startled way, then at the target, and then, with a degree of emotion he had never before shown, exclaimed:

"Didn't it hit? Didn't it hit? Didn't it hit?"

A roar of laughter, followed by even more than the usual applause, showed the professor that he had not lost his mathematical accuracy.

### Causes of War.

The horrors of the Indian mutiny will still be remembered, and the cause which led to it is a matter of history. Cartridges greased with cow's fat were served out to the sepoy, who refused to use them on the ground that the cow was a sacred animal. Almost without any warning the terrible massacres followed, which were only avenged at an enormous expenditure of lives and money.

The war which deluged Austria and Prussia with blood in 1866 emanated in the former failing to answer a question asked by the latter. In the spring of that year the Austrians began to arm very speedily and powerfully, and the Prussians wanted to know the reason. To this they would give no reply, and Prussia, thinking it was an unfriendly and menacing action, brought about the gory campaign.—London Tit-Bits.

### Tennyson in Playful Mood.

Tennyson's simplicity would sometimes find vent in almost boyish freaks. One evening, at Farringford, he was seized with the idea that he would like to dress up one of Mrs. Cameron's nieces in the garb of a man. He got one of his own long coats from the hall and with a burned cork disfigured her pretty face, daubing upon it a heavy black mustache and imperial, and then retreated to the other side of the room to gaze with manifest delight upon the result of his handiwork.—From "Some Early Victorians," by J. Comyns Carr.

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